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SUBJECT: Sri Lanka/Maldives: EU intervention on
bilateral Article 98 agreements

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(U) Classified by Lewis Amselem, Deputy Chief of
Mission. Reasons 1.5 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (C) Per Reftel, Mission has no information re
European Union intervention against the bilateral
U.S./Sri Lanka Article 98 agreement prior to the
November 22, 2002, signing of the agreement. There are
indications, however, that the Germans and Dutch
approached the GSL through the Sri Lankan ambassador in
Brussels about the issue -- but to no avail.

[1](#)2. (C) In regards to the Maldives, Mission has no reason
to believe that there has been any intervention by the
EU. Mission expects the non-surrender agreement with
the Maldives to be finalized soon.

[1](#)3. (U) Minimize considered.

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